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Pei'ping, 24 February -- The Administration Council has published a directive concerning the preservation of national security on the part of all persons in government service. The full text is as follows:

The Chinese people are now engaged in a determined struggle against imperialism, feudalism, bureaucracy, and capitalism, and in a resolute effort at constructive work while thousands of enemies within and without, by many different means, are trying to spy upon us and destroy us. In order that our country may avoid destruction and injury, all grades of persons in government service have the responsibility of preserving national information of a secret or confidential nature. To this end, in addition to the National Security Act (Law for the Preservation of Secrecy) which has been separately proclaimed, the following directive is herewith announced:

1. National affairs with regard to which secrecy should be preserved include:
 - a. Matters which should not become publicly known regarding military, diplomatic, financial, and economic affairs.
 - b. Policies, the implementation of which have not yet been decided upon, or if decided, have not been publicly announced.
 - c. Matters which any of the departments of the government may decide should be kept secret or confidential.
2. To preserve national security, the following points should be observed:
 - a. Complete responsibility for the safe custody of classified documents and material shall be assigned to certain definite persons by the confidential secretaries or chiefs of the respective offices.
 - b. Access to classified documents and material for perusal shall be stringently limited.

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c. All agencies issuing classified documents or material shall have them plainly marked with the words indicating their classification. Documents marked with high classification shall be delivered directly to confidential functionaries who shall be responsible for attending to them; no other persons shall break the seal.

d. The system to preserve the secrecy of conferences shall include careful consideration of the admissibility of participants; classified documents which are distributed shall be numbered and recorded; in case of necessity, they may be collected again.

e. Great care shall be exercised in the recommendation and appointment of government workers. Besides the responsibility which rests upon the sponsor, the chief of an office shall continually keep careful watch over those working under him. If any untrustworthy persons are discovered, they shall be dealt with immediately. Should any of the security officers of a government agency be found guilty of neglect of duty, the chief of the agency shall be held responsible.

3. Each individual government worker shall exercise care in the security aspects of his personal activities, as follows:

a. Every person handling correspondence, records, printed matter, official seals, etc., shall strive to form good security habits to prevent leakage of information.

b. Do not inquire about matters which do not concern you.

c. Do not tell others what they are not entitled to know.

d. Fellow workers shall watch each other to prevent leakage of information. Should actions damaging to security be detected on the part of someone else, the observer should, on his own initiative, take steps to stop the leakage and immediately report the case to his superior.

e. Great care shall be taken to prevent the loss of documents carried on the person or in the hand, and the divulgement of their contents.

4. Any government worker shall be punished, in proportion to the seriousness of his offense, if he is found guilty of any of the following acts resulting in actual or potential injury or loss to the country or to other persons:

a. Selling secret information to an enemy within or outside the country.

b. Intentionally permitting national classified information to leak out to enemies within or outside the country.

c. Selling any classified materials or secret intelligence to disloyal or traitorous merchants within or outside the country.

d. Using secret information or news for one's own speculative profit.

e. Carelessness or neglect resulting in the divulgement of secret information or in the loss of secret documentary materials.

5. Should a worker of any agency of the government be found culpable with respect to national security, he shall be dealt with, depending upon the seriousness of his offense, in either of the following ways:

a. He shall be censured, instructed, and dealt with by executive action.

b. He shall be turned over to the judicial authorities for disposition according to law. In the case of a serious offense, he shall be charged with the crime of rebelling against the country and opposing the revolution.

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When any agency of the government deals with such cases as are mentioned above, the official in charge shall submit a careful report of the case to his superior echelon and also to the people's inspection agency of the same level.

6. Government agencies on all levels shall strictly comply with the provisions of this directive, instructing their working forces in the matter, and watching their actions while on duty to see whether they actually observe the rules.

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